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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Atsushi MURASHIMA
SPEECH SIGNAL DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, SPEECH SIGNAL
ENCODING/DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM
PRODUCT THEREFOR
Our Ref. Q61542

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 81 sheets of the specification and claims, 9 sheets of formal drawings, the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and references.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

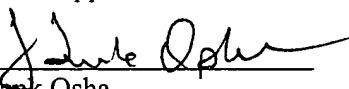
Total claims	<u>46</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>26</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$468.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>10</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>7</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$560.00</u>
Base Fee									

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$1738.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$1778.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1738.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from November 1, 1999 based on Japanese Application No. 311620/99. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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